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## SHIPPING.

### ARRIVALS.

January 9. MELITA, German str., 335, H. Morek & Co., Haiphong 5th January, Elec.—WIELER & Co.

January 9. PHRA CHULA CHOM KLAO, British steamer, 1,012, A. Borneo, Bangkok 2nd January, Rice—YUEN FAT HONG.

January 10. KUTANG, Brit. str., 1,495, Wood, Whampoa, 10th January, General—JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.

January 10. NAMOA, British steamer, 363, T. G. Pocock, Foochow 6th January, Amoy 7th, and Swallow 9th, General—DOUGLAS LARIAK & Co.

January 10, ZAFIRO, British steamer, 675, Macau, Manila 7th January, General—RUSSELL & Co.

January 10, FOOKANG, British steamer, 991, W. E. Sawyer, Shanghai 6th January, and Swallow 9th, General—JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.

January 10, KUNG PAI, Chinese steamer, 602, Brissander, Whampoa 10th January, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

January 10, ALWINE, German steamer, 400 Samson, Hoihoi 6th January, and Pak-hoi 9th, General—WIELER & Co.

CLEARANCES.  
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE  
10th JANUARY.

Duburg, German str., for Saigon,  
Fokien, British str., for Amoy,  
Doris, German str., for Toulon.

DEPARTURES.

January 10. NAMKING, British str., for Amoy.

January 10. INDRABAN, German str., for Saigon.

January 10. YORKSHIRE, Brit. str., for Singapore.

January 10. KWANG-LEE, Chinese steamer, for Whampoa.

January 10. HIDEYOSHI MARU, Japanese str., for Loochoo.

January 10, CHEUNG HYE TENG, British str., for Amoy.

January 10. VELOCITY, British str., for Holland.

January 10. HAITAN, British str., for East Coast.

January 10. BREJE, Danish str., for Haiphong.

January 10. BENGAL, British str., for Shanghai.

January 10, AUGUST, Nor. str., for Nagasaki.

January 10. FOXEN, British str., for Tamsui.

January 10. FOOKANG, British str., for Whampoa.

January 10. ABYSSINIA, British str., for Vancover.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Par Melita, str. from Haiphong—10 Chinese.

Par Phra Chula Chom Kla, str. from Bangkok—51 Chinese.

Par Foockang, str. from Shanghai, &c.—58 Chinese.

Par Namoa, str. from East Coast—82 Chinese.

Par Zafiro, str. from Manila—Don Jose de Pote, and 136 Chinese.

Par Alwine, str. from Pakhoi & Co.—Mr. Johnson from Foockang, and 31 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

For Bengal, str. for Shanghai—From Comiso—Mr. and Mrs. Comiso, Mrs. Cassidy and 5 children, Rev. and Mrs. Comiso and infant, Mr. and Mrs. Bond, Miss J. E. Bond, Mr. Neuber, Messrs. H. Robertson, Hunt, Leckie, Hunt, Cooper, Heywood, Macom, Lambert, Holtz, H. win, and Allan, and Mrs. Comiso's infant.

Par Abyssinia, str. for Vancouver—Mrs. Yang, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Apes, and 2 children. For New York—Mr. Gao, Rogers. For Victoria—12 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamer Zafiro, from Manila 7th January, reports had strong winds until within 50 miles of Hongkong.

The British steamer Foockang, from Shanghai 6th January, and Swallow 9th, reports had strong N.E. winds, with thick rainy weather to Turnabout; clear weather from there to Swallow; thence to port variable winds, hazy with rain.

The British steamer Phra Chula Chom Kla, from Bangkok 6th January, reports had moderate southerly winds and Fao Oli; thence to port moderate N. to N.W. winds, with thick rainy weather in Foockang R.C. Ling Feng. In Amoy H. M. S. Esquire and str. Gloucester. In Swallow str. Chrysanthemum, and Formosa.

AMOY SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

3. Diamonds, British str., from Hongkong.

3. Thales, British str., from Hongkong.

3. Meefoo, Chinese str., from Swallow.

3. Sungkang, British str., from Swallow.

3. Diamonds, British str., for Manila.

3. Thales, British str., for Taiwanfo.

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D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd August, 1888. [229]

## INTIMATIONS.

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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 11th, 1889.

In its last issue *The Friend of China*, the organ of the Society for the Suppression of the Opium Trade, devotes a note to the annual report of the Colonial Surgeon of Hongkong, who is described as "an old acquaintance." Dr. AXES writes:

Opium smoking, held forth as the Chinaman's vice, is not entirely not to be compared in its evil effects with the opium-smoking of the English public have had no opportunity of observing the effects of opium-smoking, and have to form their judgment upon the testimony of those medical men who have not had the opportunity of doing so. The Chinaman, one may say, has had the opportunity of observation. They know that instead of "wasting large sums of money in trying to reclaim the Chinaman from his vice, in the anti-opium movement, is a mere trifling comparison with the waste of money in the home temperance work. The large sums of cash out of Dr. Ayres' imagination. One can only form his own opinion whether a man who is guilty of intemperance and who is carried under the influence of strong principles, is a witness when they can safely trust. When opium-smokers are drunk, they are not allowed to say opium. Dr. Ayres is not according to my knowledge, the suffering attendant on the depravity of opium, does not more than in the case of a tobacco-smoker deformed by his pipe. The testimony of numerous witnesses is very different.

The evidence of two witnesses, on the other side is then given in the shape of extracts from hospital reports. Mr. HOBSON, of the Opium Refuge, Ning-haia, Karsaul, says:—

"The cries of the men often startle me from my slumbers, as I do not sleep very soundly. Two men fell down and fainted through excessive pain, each in the night, when they seem to suffer most." Dr. D. W. CHAPMAN, of the Mackay Hospital, says that all opium smokers received into the hospital suffered seriously. The Friend it is known, stands alone it is of little importance. The tobacco-smoker suffers when he is deprived of his pipe. The question is as to the character of the suffering, whether it is such as to require medical treatment. That no special treatment is required is, we think, conclusively established by Dr. AXES's evidence, which we accept as more unimpeachable on this point than that of all the gentlemen in charge of missionary hospitals combined, because the conditions under which his observations are made are more favourable to accuracy. When Dr. AXES comes to the colony he found the opium smokers admitted to gaol treated in much the same manner as they are in the missionary hospitals. It was believed that sudden deprivation of the drug would be injurious to their health, and they were accordingly put under special treatment, being allowed so much opium, "decreasing the quantity every day, and at the same time stimulants and tonics in the shape of gin and quinine were given them." The was discontinued by Dr. AXES, who for fifteen years has had the opportunity of watching the effect of the change, not in voluntary patients, like those the medical missionaries receive under their treatment, but involuntary patients of the criminal class. If Dr. AXES, like Mr. HOBSON, slept within ear-shot of the men deprived of opium, and was ready to rush to their side to soothe and comfort them when they cried out, we have no doubt they would cry out a good deal. Conceding honesty on both sides, which every one will be ready to do, the only way of reconciling the conflicting testimony of the professional men is to suppose that the medical missionaries are, as Dr. AXES expressed it in one of his reports, bamboozled. In gaol bemoaning is not such an easy master as it may reasonably be supposed to be in a missionary hospital, where the patients do not enter under compulsion, but have to be attracted, and remain only according to their own pleasure.

That opium is an unkinded good no one will contend, and an employer who wanted to engage a servant would naturally give the preference to a non-smoker. The habit encourages idleness, and if carried to excess renders a man unreliable, just as excessive drinking does. In some cases the craving, no doubt, becomes so strong, like the driving

for drink, that a man will sacrifice everything, including even food, in order to gratify it. Such cases constitute only a small proportion in relation to the total number of smokers, but that they do exist must be accepted as a fact. If they were numerous we could not fail to meet with plenty of them in Hongkong, but none of the Missionary Societies have thought it necessary to establish an opium refuge here. It is, however, from the extreme case that the anti-opiumists draw their pictures, just as the teetotal lecturer draws his from the habitual and confirmed drunkard. Dr. CHRISTIE, in his report on the Mokouien Hospital, says:—

It is true that the well-do-do with healthy constitutions, and good food and comfortable surroundings may be able to live a long time without any apparent deleterious effects in the habit, even under the most favourable circumstances, diminished functional activity of the nervous system, and ultimately producing structural changes, and ultimately producing structural changes, are facts beyond question. Unfortunately, however, the action of the drug does not affect the system, for a short period, as a short course in most instances leads to a marked increase with the craving—but of the necessary amount, and the result is that the system becomes more susceptible to the evil influence. But, that long-continued use of the drug, and the accompanying deleterious effects to the system, and the functional and organic changes referred to, are facts which the Chinese are not affected by, and that the higher function of the system is not affected by the opium-smoker. Hence the opium-smoker cannot be trusted in word or deed, and I am informed that no merchant in this colony has any confidence in the word of an opium-smoker with whom he deals. All will class these as good qualities, and the few have power to resist the craving when the habit is once established, however willing to give it up.

Here we have the admission that the opium-smoking may be indulged in for a lengthened period without any apparent deleterious result—which is more than some of the anti-opiumists would admit with regard to tobacco. Dr. CHRISTIE's statement bears on the face of it the evidence of unconscious exaggeration. Starting with a preconceived opinion he generalizes from extreme cases and gives an altogether misleading idea of the true state of affairs. Naturally the moderate smokers do not obtrude themselves on the notice of the missionary, whose data is as incomplete as would be the data of the temperament reformer whose observations were confined to gin palaces.

BILL TO AMEND THE CATTLE DISEASES,

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES, AND MARKETS

ORDINANCE 1887.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the first reading of this Bill, the object of which is to amend Ordinance 17 of 1887 in that section which states that animals shipped into the Colony shall be kept in a proper depot licensed by the Board of Trade, and that the license was granted under Ordinance 24 of 1887, and it was proposed to strike out the reference to this place.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

Bill read a first time.

THE REFORMATORY SCHOOLS AMENDMENT ORDINANCE.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY went to Committee on this Bill. The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said the object of the Bill was to amend the Comptroller of the Reformatory Schools of the Colony.

We have received the results of the sixteenth annual flower show of the Hongkong Horticultural Exhibition Society to be held on the 14th and 15th February. Prizes are offered on 100 classes, besides the Palmeis prizes.

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING AMENDMENT BILL.

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A football match between the Hongkong Football Club and a team from the 91st Regiment was played yesterday afternoon, when, after a well-contested game, the Regiment were beaten.

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those observations which the Government have naturally will require, on the point, that have not received them as yet, when I do shall forward the report at once. I may say in the meantime that whatever the merit of Mr. Leigh's views, I have not the last doubt that whether adopted or not it will not be matter for regret that they were expressed, because the very discussion which has been necessitated by the expression of these views will be likely to render the action which principles may be adopted, a more confused one.

THE INCIDENT OF DOING THE "CALENDAR."

Hon. P. E. RYRE.—Site pursuant to notice given this morning, I have to ask whether the Government has got any official information of the occurrence on board the *Calendonian*, which is reported in the public prints of an officer of the Supreme Court being obstructed in the execution of his duty.

HON. B. LATTON.—I do not remember any

things have been done and passed here. As a matter of form it matters very little. Had a different form been taken for rendering the question it would have been all right.

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Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—3 per cent. premium, norm.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, norm.

Chinese Imperial Loan, 1886 E—2 per cent. premium, norm.

Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin—\$10 per share.

Hongkong High Level Tramway Company, Limited—250 per cent. prem. sellers.

East Borsoe Planting Company, Limited—\$55 per share, sellers.

Crown & Co., Limited—\$43 per share.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$124 per share.

Songki Kohay Planting Company—\$39 per share, norm.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. Farquhar & Co's Report.)

January 10th.

Barometer—8.4 in. 21

Barometer—8.3 in. 30.9

Barometer—8.2 in. 30.6

Thermometer—8.1 in. 22

Thermometer—8.0 in. 21

Thermometer—7.9 in. (Wet bulb) 20

Thermometer—7.8 in. (Wet bulb) 19

Humidity—82% 60

Wind—N. 20° 14

Clouds—80% 55

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## EXTRACTS.

## A BOSTON PRACTICAL JOKE.

No less than ten gentlemen of Boston—i.e., Boston, Mass.—lately found themselves object of ridicule to the superior beings of the hub of the universe. It is true that these ten gentlemen were not diplomats, but they were physicians to whom reputation must be as valuable as it is to an ambassador. To provide some "fun" for his Sunday readers, the editor of the leading daily journal of Boston, Mass., sent one of his spy reporters to these ten doctors, who was to represent himself as suffering from some dreadful complaint, while at the time he was perfectly well. In his own words:

"He never felt better in his life, and he had some misgivings about describing the ailing individuals before whom he was to present himself. However, he had determined to make the test. He would not retreat, and armed with a cock-and-bull story about a fear that his spine must be diseased and £20 of the editor's money, he started out. The first physician whose name was on the reporter's list, lived in the West End. A neat young woman answered the reporter's ring, and he was shown into a cosy parlour-office, and asked to take a seat. The girl gave him a searching glance, and the reporter's first thought was that even the unconscious door-girl knew that he was not sick. He was beginning to grow nervous, and a quantity of solitude would undoubtedly have robbed him of his courage. But, just as he was contemplating the expediency of flying from the house, the door which appeared to lead into the hall opened, and in came the M.D. He rubbed his hands as he saluted the reporter, and remarked:

"You have come to consult me?" The reporter said that he had, but he feared he was troubled with some disease of the spine, that he was an athlete and an overman, but he feared that too much exercise had caused some trouble there which led him to feel alarmed; that at times he had violent pains which passed all over his body, but which seemed to have their origin in the spine. The doctor began to look very weary. He stripped his patient, and began kneading his back and thumbing upon it. The big muscles, hard and firm, stood out like whips on the back, as brown as a berry, of the athlete, and he scarcely felt the doctor's delicate fingers. When the learned man got down in the region of the kidneys he ceased his thumbing simultaneously with a surprised exclamation which developed into a whistle. Then he sat at his desk, and addressing the reporter, said: "Young man, you made a serious mistake in not consulting a physician earlier. Your kidneys are affected, and from that cause comes the pain you feel in your system." Then it isn't spine trouble, doctor?" said the self-accused sick man. "Not a bit of it, my boy. It's a form of kidney trouble, but I guess I'll be able to pull you through all right. You must stop all exercise and lead a quiet life, for at present you're a pretty sick man." "Well, how sick?" persisted the reporter, "or if there's anything the matter with me of a serious nature I want to know it. So don't be afraid to tell me, doctor, just what the extent of my disease is." "Well," said the doctor, "at present you are in that condition where no insurance company in the State would accept you, but I think after I have seen you a few times you will be all right. Your heart is slightly affected, I find, and you must be careful not to become excited or take any exercise."

The doctor took from his case a bottle of pills and told the reporter to take one before each meal. He also gave a box of pills, one of which was to be taken after meals. The medical man did not deign to enter into any detail or dissertation on his medicine, but sagely remarked that it was a complaint which, under certain circumstances, might be very dangerous. He would advise cessation from all business, and, by all means, the patient must take particular care of himself. "Am I dangerously sick, doctor?" he asked. "Well," replied the physician, "not perhaps dangerous, but certainly seriously; and, by the way, I want you to come in again to day."

The next doctor pronounced for rheumatism, and prescribed for that malady. "A very serious spinal trouble," was the verdict of another physician, who made a slight examination. The patient had, in his opinion, exercised too violently. However, the prescriptions given when filled would put matters to rights again. The reporter pocketed the prescriptions and the doctor Carefully Packed his Fee.

The next doctor painted the patient's back with iodine, and the second day of his visit to the man of science he was most positive that a South End doctor, who, he avers, was a fair, actually painted his brawny brows back with black ink.

A Hanover Street doctor said that the reporter was a very wise man in attending to this trouble so early, for if he had allowed it to go on it would result seriously. It was a form of rheumatism, and did not affect the spine, though he was not surprised that one who was untrained, like the reporter, should have made that mistake.

Another doctor near Boylston Street said that the reporter had rheumatism of the spine after hearing his story and making an examination. The reporter reluctantly took the prescription and went out.

Another doctor said: "Your blood is in a very bad condition. You must stop drinking, and give up all use of tobacco. Can bring you along all right." This is the substance of the advice given after a doctor, within a stone's throw of the Massachusetts General Hospital, had made an examination.

The reporter never drank intoxicating liquors in his life, and he gave up the tobacco habit more than a year ago. However, the doctor said he needed medicine, and gave him some. Another said that he certainly gave evidence of having a weak back, and commanded a patent back "supporter." Saturday Review.

## A PLAGUE OF FLIES.

"Magas-jah, ward-i-shikhan hai kardan" is a Persian proverb which means that "A small fly will upset a man's stomach." In a small compass, you have in the fly as good an omen as need be. Why the Persians adopted the above proverb is evident to anyone who has visited their cities and villages. In the festering filth which there abounds and increases, the fly finds a happy covert and hunting-ground. The fly, however, is not confined to Persia alone, for its gregariousness is proverbial. Those who took part in the Afghan campaign of '79-'80 will have a lively recollection of the swarms of flies that infested the camps of Barakzai, Jellalabad, Pezwan and Kuhil. It was a common thing to see the whole camp of officers and men seized after meals with an attack of nausea, much as if they were on board a troop-ship in a storm in the Bay of Biscay. So great was the fly-plague during those memorable summers' campaign that it was found impossible to cook food without numbers of those pestiferous insects trailing their poisonous bodies over it and imparting to it an unpleasantly medicinal effect. Towards the end of summer, the flies became hibernated, and, if possible, more loathsome, for they would light on one's face and hands

and hang there until they were literally brushed off. It was found impossible to drink tea or any other liquid without taking it from a bottle; and it was only with the greatest dexterity that one could pass the neck of the uncorked bottle into one's mouth without the flies gaining admission thereto. It would be difficult to express the amount of misery which they occasioned until winter set in and they made off in search of more congenial climates.

But as "downright pests" the sandflies of the Egyptian deserts take the palm. Fort Tel-el-Kebir, the day after the battle there in 1882, presented an extraordinary collection. It was the scene of a great and perhaps unsurpassed gathering of flies. It may be remarked that the Egyptian troops had neglected to bury their dead; in fact, the Egyptians had to take to their heels quite suddenly, and the British did not trouble to bury the enemy's dead, so that the bodies of the dead Arabs and Egyptians lay about the trenches and fort walls. Long before I got to the trenches I noticed a dark line distinctly visible on the otherwise bright sandy landscape, and as I got nearer the fort seemed to be covered with a dark pall. I could not account for this phenomenon at first, and at the instant it was suggestive of something supernatural. On nearer approach, however, at about 150 yards distance from the dark mass, I heard distinctly a loud hummimg noise. As I approached nearer the sound increased in volume until it became a loud roar. It was not until I was close to the black line that I could make out the cause. Then I could see the topmost flies as they hovered and dived above the lower strata. I could trace this black line of flies for a half mile or so on either side of me, and it rose like a thick curtain for some 10 yards off the ground. Here is a calculation for some mathematician: A wall of flies one mile long, 10 yards high, and 40 yards wide; and the flies so thickly massed that they might be said to be riding one on top of the other and brushing each other side by side. This black wall represented the line of dead Egyptians; and, certainly, if they were buried they did not have a pall. How I was to get through thisordon of flies was a doubtful problem. Time was pressing; and a party of Arabs were hanging behind and enjoying some nice ball practice with my pony and me for targets. To go around the flank of this fly-wall was out of the question; so I put myself to my pony and drew him through. The brute refused several times, literally frightened by the hum and noise. At last I managed to get him "head on"; and never shall I forget my passage through those forty yards of flies. They presented such a firm front as we passed through that I could feel a heavy pressure—heavy enough to compel me instinctively to grip the saddle closer with my knees. I had to close mouth and eyes, and trust to chance to get straight through; and it was no easy matter to endure the horrible stench that emanated from the masses. They presented such a firm front as we passed through that I could feel a heavy pressure—heavy enough to compel me instinctively to grip the saddle closer with my knees. I had to close mouth and eyes, and trust to chance to get straight through; and it was no easy matter to endure the horrible stench that emanated from the masses. 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